

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN WILLIAM CRISMORE**, on January 5, 2001  
at 2:30 P.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. William Crismore, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Dale Mahlum, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)  
Sen. Mack Cole (R)  
Sen. Lorents Grosfield (R)  
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)  
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)  
Sen. Ken Miller (R)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)  
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Nancy Bleck, Committee Secretary  
Mary Vandembosch, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**  
Organizational Meeting

**CHAIRMAN CRISMORE** announced a joint informational meeting with the House Natural Resources Committee at 3:00 p.m. directly following this meeting. **Todd Everts** of the **Legislative Environmental Policy Office** will speak about the constitutional test for legislation involving the fundamental right to a clean and healthful environment relating to the Supreme Court opinion in Montana Environmental Information Center v. Dept. of Environmental Quality and Seven-Up Pete Joint Venture.

**CHAIRMAN CRISMORE** introduced himself to the committee and advised plans to follow the same guidelines and rules as last year. The "Rules of Procedure - 2001", **EXHIBIT(nas03a01)**, were distributed and members were asked to review these rules and think about them. **CHAIRMAN CRISMORE** reminded the members if they have a time conflict with our meeting schedule, please let him know in advance. If there is a vote on the agenda for that day, the committee member may hand their vote to either **CHAIRMAN CRISMORE** or **VICE-CHAIRMAN DALE MAHLUM** before the meeting.

**CHAIRMAN CRISMORE** asked all committee staff to introduce themselves and provide a brief background, in order, committee secretary **Nancy Bleck** of Helena, committee members **SEN. KEN TOOLE** (newcomer) of Helena representing Senate District #27, **VICE-CHAIRMAN DALE MAHLUM** of Missoula representing SD #35, **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA** of Missoula representing SD #32, **SEN. MACK COLE** of Hysham representing SD #4, **SEN. LORENTS GROSFIELD** of Big Timber representing SD #13, **SEN. GLENN ROUSH** of Cut Bank representing SD #43 and committee staffer **Mary Vandebosch**.

**Legislative Branch Staffer Mary Vandebosch** of the **Legislative Environmental Policy Office** advised she is a researcher with the Legislative Services Division and her office is located in room 171 on the west wing of the ground level, first floor. She is also staffing the Senate Fish and Game Committee that meets at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **Staffer Vandebosch** distributed a memo, **EXHIBIT(nas03a02)**, outlining her services available to committee members and also attached her abbreviated resume. The areas of natural resource law she is most familiar with are, in order, land use, water quantity, and water quality. On occasion we will have some guest staff sit in, such as **Todd Everts**, also of the **Legislative Environmental Policy Office**. **Staffer Vandebosch** will be drafting all the amendments members request on bills that will be acted on in committee and also will draft proposed amendments to be moved on Second Reading upon request of any committee member. She will let committee members know if there are problems with a bill and will be available if you need her to explain a bill or obtain more information. If you want an amendment drafted, please let her know at least a day before the committee plans to take executive action as she must have the amendment formatted and edited by other staff. With some advance time, this will insure the committee report can be done right away.

**CHAIRMAN CRISMORE** suggested we collect \$5.00 from each member to start a fund for meeting refreshments or to celebrate a birthday or other special occasion.

**CHAIRMAN CRISMORE** adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 2:55 p.m.

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**SEN. WILLIAM CRISMORE, Chairman**

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NANCY BLECK, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (nas03aad)